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SUBJECT: AID FOR PORTUGAL AND ITS AFRICAN TERRITORIES

REF.: CARLUCCI-ROWELL PHONECON FEBRUARY 5

1. PASSMAN SUB-COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 4 HEARING ON AID FOR PORTUGAL CONCLUDED WITH SUMMARY FROM PASSMAN (ACCURATELY REFLECTING OVERALL COMMITTEE VIEW) TO EFFECT THAT COMMITTEE MUST BE GIVEN AS MUCH PROJECT DETAIL AS POSSIBLE TO JUSTIFY THE ENTIRE DOLLARS 25 MILLION WE ARE REQUESTING. EVEN IF SOME PROJECT DETAILS NOT POSSIBLE, TOTAL OF OVERALL PROGRAM PROPOSALS MUST ADD UP TO WHAT WE ASK.

2. CONGRESSMAN CONTE, WHO SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO CONCERNS FOR DROUGHT-STRICKEN CAPE VERDE ISLANDS IN CONTEXT OF OVERALL STRONG SUPPORT OF AID FOR PORTUGAL, RECOGNIZED THAT AID TO TERRITORIES REQUIRES GOP APPROVAL AND, UNTIL TERRITORIES INDEPENDENT, PROBABLY MUST GO THROUGH LISBON.

3. POUCHING UNEDITED TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING FEBRUARY 6.

4. REQUEST YOU EXPEDITE PROGRAM/PROJECT DEFINITION, INCLUDING GOP VIEWS ON TYPE, QUANTITY AND MEANS OF
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TRANSMISSION OF ANY AID TO PRESENT OR FORMER PORTUGUESE

AFRICAN TERRITORIES. PLEASE REPORT ALL AVAILABLE

DETAILS AND GOP RESPONSE ON TERRITORIES BY FEB. 12
TO HELP IN COMMITTEE MARK-UP NOW SCHEDULED FOR
FEB. 18 (FYI MARK-UP DATE COULD COME EARLIER). KISSINGER

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